



Spotlight on Calhoun . . .

Calhoun County was named for John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), who served as United States vice president, secretary of state and of war, and senator. The county seat, the town of St. Matthews, was settled around 1841 in an area that was known for its cotton plantations. During the Revolutionary War, a famous incident took place at Fort Motte in present day Calhoun County. Rebecca Motte (1738-1815), a local plantation owner, helped the Revolutionary troops drive the British out of her plantation house; she reportedly provided the soldiers with a burning arrow to destroy her own dwelling. Another famous resident of the area was Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Julia Peterkin (1880-1961), who lived at Lang Syne Plantation.

Orangeburg Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the central area of the state
- Surrounded by Orangeburg, Lexington, Richland, Sumter, and Clarendon counties
- This region has an average temperature of 63.4 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 45.8 inches.

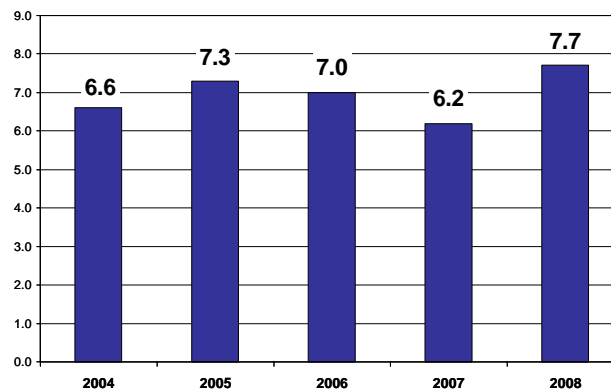
Population

- Was 14,750 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 15,940 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 53.4% White, 45.4% African-American, and 1.1% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population increased from 212 in 2000 to 292 in 2007, a 37.7% change.

Labor Force

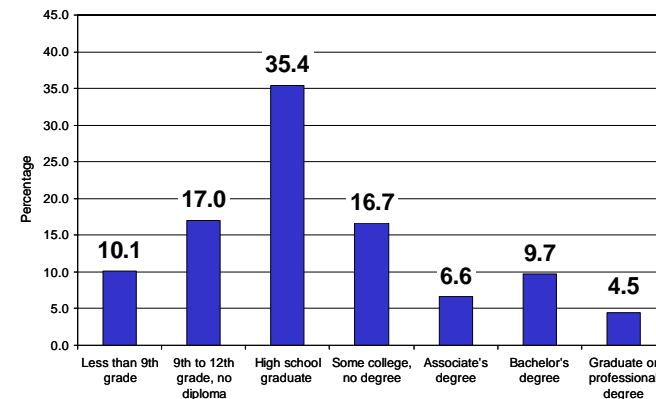
- Increased from 6,900 in 2007 to 7,020 in 2008
- Employment rose from 6,470 in 2007 to 6,480 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate grew from 6.2% in 2007 to 7.7% in 2008.

**Unemployment Rates for Calhoun County
2004 - 2008**



Educational Attainment

Calhoun County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$31,160 for 2007.
- This was 100% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 81% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Orangeburg Workforce Center, which serves Bamberg, Calhoun, and Orangeburg counties, paid \$18,132,527 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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